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SUBJECT: MEXICAN FISHING VESSEL APPLICATIONS

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED AN INDICATION THAT THE GOM INTENDS TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 MEXICAN VESSELS TO FISH FOR PACIFIC HAKE IN THE WASHINGTON, OREGON AND CALIFORNIA FISHERY. SUCH APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEPT BY JUNE 23 IN ORDER FOR THEM TO BE REVIEWED DURING THE JULY COUNCIL MEETING. THE PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL, IN THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING THESE APPLICATIONS WILL REQUIRE ANSWERS TO VARIOUS QUESTIONS REGARDING THESE VESSELS AND THEIR CREWS. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE REVIEW OF THESE APPLICATIONS, THE DEPT WILL NEED THE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: (1) IF THE VESSELS APPLYING FOR PERMITS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM ANOTHER FLAG E.G. SPAIN, KOREA, WHAT ARE THE TERMS OF SUCH TRANSFER? (2) WHAT WILL BE THE CREW COMPOSITION IN NUMBERS AND BY UNCLASSIFIED

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NATIONALITY? (3) WHERE WILL THE FISH BE LANDED?

2. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST POST OBTAIN ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS AS WELL AS ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT MAY ASSIST IN ANSWERING RELATED QUESTIONS THAT MAY BE POSED BY REGIONAL COUNCIL.

3. FYI: THE PACIFIC COUNCIL HAS STRONG FEELINGS AGAINST ANY FISHERY OPERATION THAT MAY RESEMBLE A JOINT VENTURE. AS A RESULT IT PROBABLY WILL BE INCLINED TO DISAPPROVE APPLICATIONS FOR MEXICAN VESSELS THAT MAY BE SO INVOLVED. THE COUNCIL MAY SEEK TO TABLE APPLICATIONS AT THE JULY MEETING IF THE FOREGOING QUESTIONS CANNOT BE ANSWERED. THAT WOULD RESULT IN THE COUNCIL NOT ACTING ON THE APPLICATIONS UNTIL THE AUGUST MEETING. CHRISTOPHER

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